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Toronto Town. N. S. S.

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\* at 31 Con 2. 2 May 1850. Wm S. Foister 22 ac. £875  
also held Lot 32 Con 2 1850

\* Lot 32 Con 2. 2 May 1850. Wm S. Foister 5/2 £875.

\* Lot 32 Con 2. 12 May 1850. Fred Foister pt 5/2, 53 ac. £291

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Caldon EAST

\* SW 1/2 Lot 23 Con 2 15 Sept 1859 Wm Forster 100ac £1290

\* SW 1/2 Lot 3 Con 3 E 5 Dec 1856 Edward Forster 100ac £1500.  
Occupied by Edward Forster in 1859

\* SW 1/2 Lot 1 Con 4 7 Apr. 1856 Moffatt Forster Pt. £112.10

\* Lot 2 Con 4 4 Apr. 1856 Moffatt Forster 50ac £650.

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Squire Forster, who lived in and owned the Castle, was an official of Grace Church. He had a little brown jug of which he was very fond, and kept it ~~frequently~~<sup>secretly</sup> in the coal bin., occasionally - a couple of times, he would was able to and come to the fire.

It was the day of coal oil lamps, and more than once  
the lamp happened to get knocked over.

It was the tradition that the Squire was thoroughly diverted.

The Squire's second wife was Mrs. Lowes, daughter of  
Robert.

niece  
second wife, a sister of Squire Forster's wife, the daughter  
of Robert Lowes.

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Forster's early life was spend amongst the surroundings  
incident to pioneer settlement of this country.

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J. W. L. Forster.

Mrs. Holmes was a Miss Wrigley, and their school was  
opposite J. D. Anthony's house on the Wrigley or Green property on  
the south side of Queen St.

W. L. Forster  
J. D. Anthony

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M J W. L. Foster.

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3 Meredith Crescent,  
Toronto.

I am collecting data for a history of the County of Peel and would like you to kindly fill in the questionnaire below and return it to me as early as you conveniently can, and oblige.

Wm. Perkins Bull.

GENERAL PEEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Indians.

What Indian relics, if any, have been found in your neighbourhood, and what became of them?

~~You know, of course Chingwasey was misspelled. Chingwacongsey, Son of Chingwasey, were both heroic chiefs and loyal allies of the British during the Am. Revolution. The township was named from the younger chief.~~

Do you recall any stories of dealings of early settlers with Indians; going hunting or fishing with them; being alarmed, injured, or helped by them; doing business with them by sale or barter; or giving to them when they begged; etc?

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Pioneer Life.

Do you recall any stories told by old settlers of catastrophies, accidents, practical jokes, amusing incidents, contests of skill and strength, romances, hairbreadth escapes, or unusual provisions, shelters or houses, tools, furniture, clothing, or methods of transportation, which the early settlers were obliged to use?

*Will gladly give to your stenographer three or four items of pioneer humour and just as told me by my mother.*

What farms or businesses or other properties in your neighbourhood are still in the possession of descendants of the original settlers on crown grants?

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History of Communities (YOUR OWN AND ANY OTHER YOU KNOW)

Name of community, or village, and origin of name?

Date of settlement, and first settler?

Where did the majority of the early settlers come from?

Name, location and present condition of first churches in neighbourhood?

*my mother*  
Gardens Church, now Britannia, my grandfather, James Foster, told of holding services in that neighbourhood in 1828. Have you any earlier record? He also held services at Meadowvale and Churshville in those early years.

*W* Name location and present condition of first schools in neighbourhood?

*W* James Foster engaged a part time teacher for his children at his cabin home on lot 6, Con 3, in 1829

Location, date of building, and present condition of other public buildings.

Where and of what sort is the oldest house in your neighbourhood, and what is its history?

The oldest store?

The oldest inn?

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Is there, or has there been, a post office in this community, and if so, during what years, and opened by what postmaster?

Is there, or has there been, a railroad station in this community, and if so, on what line and during what years?

Distinguished Citizens. ( If still living please give address)

What men have gone out of your community to political distinction?

General the Hon. John M. Gibson was a native of Peel  
Hon. Senator James Cox Atkins R.C.  
Hon. Doherty in Drury's Cabinet

Well-known figures in fraternal organizations?

John M. Gibson in Masonry. You have the records  
of the Peel Old Boys.

Extremely wealthy men and women?

Prominent clergymen, doctors, lawyers, etc., with provincial or wider reputations?

Writers, artists, designers, musicians, architects, actors, etc.?

{ You will not forget Curtis Williamson Artist, Corrie Wilkinson  
Armington, world renowned Painter and Etcher

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**Athletes?**

**Military heroes, and officers of high rank?**

**Scientists and inventors?**

**Criminals?**

**People distinguished by physical peculiarities, if any, such as midgets, giants, siamese twins, etc., or by longevity, very large families, etc.?**

**Miscellaneous.**

**Are there any non-Anglo-Saxon families in your community, and if so, of what nationalities?**

**When did such families come in?**

**What militia units have operated in your neighbourhood and at what times?**

**Are there any private schools in your neighbourhood, or have there been any in the past? Give what particulars you can?**

✓ **Mrs. Holmes Conducted a Private School during the decades of the 50s and 60s of last Century, in Brampton.**

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Have any of the less well-known religious denominations and sects had congregations in your neighbourhood? For example, Plymouth Brethren, Christian Scientists, Quakers, Seventh Day Adventists, etc.?

Are there many Jews in your neighbourhood?

Is there a public library, and if so, since when, and of what size and nature?

What great occasions have been celebrated by the community, royal visits, returns of distinguished sons, conventions, reunions, anniversaries, etc.?

What serious epidemics, if any, have afflicted your community?

Have there been any family feuds, splits in churches, election rows, etc.?

Legend has stories of noisy doings on occasion of visits by Wm Lyon MacKenzie to Brampton and of a notable, lone constable, Donaldson.

Are any unusual businesses carried on in your neighbourhood, any unusual crops grown, or stock kept on the farms, etc.?

What fairs are attended by the farmers of your district, and have they won any unusual awards?

Give names, addresses, and other particulars of any breeders, importers, exhibitors or owners of pure-bred live-stock or poultry, in your neighbourhood.

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What residents of your community have very old dishes, books, tools, furniture, musical instruments or similar antiquities?

To what extent are electric lighting and power, telephones and water-works, general in your community?

Are there any regular social events, holiday celebrations, etc., which are a long tradition in your community?

In the case of early settlers, your own ancestors, or others, did they clear their own land?

John Wilkinson cleared lots 5 and 6 on 2nd line west of Centre Road. Chinguacousy, and built a very early brick house on lot 5, 2nd Concession facing 2nd line, roads from Dundas St. Northward were most in use then. If not, who did?

What springs and flowing wells were in your neighbourhood and where?

Are they still there?

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August 1932.

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RE EARLY PIONEERS.

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James Foster chose his land for quality of soil, he said, and because it reached to the river Credit, then a famous salmon stream; as he had been an ardent lover of trout fishing in Cumberland; and anticipated good sport near at hand.

6. Where else did they live in the county? The Wilkinsons

moved into Chinguacousy for more land.

The Fosters built Mills at Churchville; also acquired adjoining lots for three of the boys; 50 acres plot 5, 3rd con. and lots 5 and 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> con. Old survey.

7. What was the first work that the pioneers undertook after they had found their land? First to build home

then clear land for garden and clear more for crop.

8. Did they build their houses first, or clear the soil, or arrange some sort to shelter for their livestock?

9. What methods did they use in clearing the land, and what were their first crops?

Foster bought his lot with 10 acres cleared and a shack. His first task was to break up the land and sow wheat. His first crop yielded 500 bushels, at 1<sup>2</sup> a bushel, paid for whole cost of his 100 acre farm.

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MRS. T. FORSTER -- Toronto Twp.

A lady who thought nothing of a twenty eight mile tramp in the early days and who endured many of the hardships which the pioneers had to contend with, passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs. T. Forster, widow of the late Thomas Forster. Mrs. Forster's death took place at the home of her son, Mr. John W. L. Forster, 147 Farnham Ave. The deceased lady was 93 years of age. She was of exceptionally keen mind, taking interest not only in art and music, but in all the up-to-date literature of the day. She became blind from cataract about five years ago, but up to that time was an omnivorous reader. She was a descendant of John Wycliffe. Born in the "Old Home District", Toronto Township, in 1822, the daughter of John Wilkinson, Mrs. Forster, after marriage in 1846 settled in the county of Halton at Norval. Upon retirement from the home farm in 1872 the couple resided in Brampton until 1887, when Mrs. Forster came to Toronto following the death of her husband. Since coming to this city she had lived with her son, J. W. L. Forster, the well-known artist. The last member of a family of six, she is survived by two sons, James W. of Winnipeg, and J. W. L. Mrs. Forster's early life was spent amongst surroundings incident to pioneer settlement of this country. Her father, frequently, if not regularly, had occasion to walk many miles along woodland trails carrying

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wheat to the Humber mills, then situated near the present residence of S. Morley Wicket, and return home with a bag of flour on his back. She, herself, as a little girl, anticipated with pleasure, the tramp of twenty-eight miles to the town of York.

Needless to say, she attributed to these experiences her endurance and long life.

THOMAS FORSTER *MP*

Was born in Brampton, Cumberland, England, 1825. three years before the family came to Canada. Converted in early boyhood at his home, near Streetsville he used to tell of the Bethel he had found in the old mills at Churchville (owned by his father) where during night duty he was alone with God

After he married, 1847, he spent the active years of his life at Norval, county Halton, until 1876.

He retired to Brampton in 1876, where in the work of the lay ministry he became more active than ever.

The regular ministers on the different circuits where he was called to preach seem happy to acknowledge that congregations did not slacken, but rather increased, when his name was announced, and this was not because of fluent speech, for such he had not; but because of the "more excellent spirit that was in him." Of this testimony they deem him eminently worthy. He loved the work and reverenced it, and the calling was in its turn honored of him in the dignity he gave to it. He adorned the profession of Christ in a Christ-illumined experience and by the grandeur of a Christ-like spirit. A year of intensest suffering wrenched his strong frame asunder; and while racked with agony he endured, praying aloud for patience that he might not dishonor God. In the great depression caused by the nature of the disease, while constantly lamenting his own unworthiness and nothingness, he held Christ firmly, ~~enlightening~~  
Died, on the 14th of December, 1887.

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William Forster, the eldest son of James and Elizabeth Forster, was born in Brampton, Cumberland, Eng., and died in Brampton, Ontario, 26 May, 1900. at the ripe age of 85. His father became one of the pioneers of the county of Peel having come to this country and settled in the township of Toronto. Wm. did military duty during the rebellion of '37. He began life as a farmer but soon entered into business life for the most part in the town of Brampton. He was married to Miss Jane Wilkinson, who predeceased him by four years. Mr. Forster was one of the oldest members of Grace Church, having been recording steward and trustee for several years. One brother, Dr. Forster of Palmerston, survives. *H.M.D.*

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**GOLDEN WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forster of "The Castle" were tendered a reception last Friday eve. by their many friends and relatives in commemoration of the golden wedding day.

WILLIAM FORSTER

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After a long illness William Forster Esq. passed away at his residence at the castle about noon to-day. He was 85 years of age. Few men are permitted such a long and successful life as the deceased. Born in England, he came to this country at an early age. Upwards of fifty years ago he was carrying on business in Brampton and at Orangeville. Subsequently he engaged in farming, but has for many years lived retired, enjoying the fruits of the labors of earlier life. Squire Forster, as he was familiarly styled was widely known and universally respected. His wife died a few years ago. The children born to them have also passed away. In politics the deceased was a Conservative and in religion a member of the Methodist church. He died full of days, riches and honors.

William Forster.

James Forster.

John Forster.

The Forster Family Includes Noted Doctors and Artists.

The Forsters were always staunch Liberals, in sympathy with Wm. Lyon Mackenzie in general, but opposed to rebellion. The two older brothers, William and James were members of "Montgomer's squad", while John James, trained as a soldier was one of the "home" defence.

William Forster, the eldest son, went to Port Credit engaged in the grain business, and amassed a fortune. Later he moved to Brampton, continuing as a grain merchant. He built a block of business houses, and through the friendship of Sir John A. Macdonald was made census-commissioner for the middle section of Ontario, and a prominent member of the Provincial House. He was one of the early magistrates of the County, a leader in Grace Methodist Church and in the social life on Brampton, as host in his beautiful home, still known as "The Castle."

1 James Forster had the farm on the north-east corner of the 2nd line and Britannia side-road. He had a son, Thomas, who went to Norval to live. The original log-house on the farm was replaced by a frame house, and when this home was destroyed, James moved to Norval also. He had owned the grist-mill at Churchville, and made money out of it, but when he sold out a flaw in the title prevented him from collecting the sale

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price and he was a comparatively poor man when he went to Norval. He began holding services in his home, preaching and singing to the people until he had a congregation large enough to meet in the school-house. Another Methodist had come to Norval, James Gooderham, and the two worked together. When James Gooderham undertook to build a church, James Forster gave much gratuitous labour. Died 1872, buried at Streetsville.

*Where is the  
and*  
John Forster farmed on both the east and west sides of the 2nd line, near Britannia. He was trustee of the Meadowvale school, and helped build the new school in the village. Some of his children were members of the Meadowvale Band, an early institution, and all worked in the Britannia Methodist church, erected in 1848, or about that time.

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BRITANNIA.

**FORSTER DESCENDANTS GATHER AT HOMESTEAD.**

Members of Prominent Family Honor the Memory of Pioneer.

The celebration of the centenary of the settlement of James Forster, Sr., at Britannia, which was celebrated there on the old homestead place on Saturday afternoon, was made an impressive renewal of allegiance to family ideals and memories. Between 125 and 150 persons assembled for the event.

George Forster gave a review of the ancestry of James Forster, the common first Canadian forefather of the entire assemblage. Then for each of James' sons one of the members of the resulting branch of the family gave a short sketch. J.W.L. Forster, the portrait painter, gave a number of intimate stories of his grandfather, as he had known him best and was the oldest of the immediate family present. J.W.L. Forster also spoke for his eldest uncle, William Forster, because having lived in Brampton, he was better acquainted with "The Squire" as he was called than any of the others.

Miss Cassie Forster of Guelph, a daughter of Benjamin Forster, and great-granddaughter of James Forster, spoke for her grandfather, James, Jr. For John Forster, the next son, Arthur Forster of Oakville, was the speaker. J.W.L. Forster spoke for his father, Thomas; and John Heckley, for his mother, who was Hannah Margaret Forster.

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There was none to represent the Wilkinson branch of the family, the descendants of Elizabeth Forster, as this part of the family is largely in the northwest. Dr. Fred Forster, of Stratford, contributed an interesting sketch of the life of his father, Dr. Moffitt Forster.

During the afternoon a group of the family went to the Presbyterian cemetery in Streetsville and there laid a wreath on the grave of James Forster, Sr. Two minutes of silence was observed both at the grave and by the merry crowd back at the old homestead.

Supper was served in a big margues tent. There the flag-draped painting of the sturdy old settler occupied the place of honor at the head of the table.

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## Forster Reunion

Every tribute that could be paid to an Ontario pioneer was heaped upon the memory of James Forster who settled at Stave Bank, two miles west of Britannia 100 years ago. When descendants of the sixth generation met at the old homestead on Saturday last (Aug. 25) the climax to this great event being the laying upon his grave in Streetsville Cemetery with the dates 1828-1928.

The first reunion of the various branches of the family held since the coming of James Forster was made from first to last in honour of the founder of the family. In a large marquee hung with Union Jacks an emblem sincerely revered by this family was hung a portrait of James Forster the work of one of his grandsons, J.W.L. Forster and facing it the wreath that became the culminating effort of the day.

Four of James Forster's sons and one of his daughters were represented in the gathering of 125 people who came from Dallas, Texas, Sarnia, Shelburne, Georgetown, Cheltenham, Streetsville, Oakville, Fergus, Guelph, Orangeville, Mono Mills and Brantford. Six of his grandsons, men now treading the later paths of life were present, and three great-great-grandchildren all under seven years of age romped over the ground on which these men had played as boys.

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The grandsons were Arthur Stewart, Dr. James Moffitt, Fred A., Newton L. sons of John Forster; Benjamin, son of James, and J.W.L., son of Thomas. The great-great-grandchildren were Barbara Ann and Jane Blake, Toronto and Baby Parker, Sarnia.

Miss Gertrude Forster, of the fifth generation acted as registrar, and commenced a record of the family that will later become a family tree, names of parents and dates of births being secured. These will also be incorporated in a family history.

There is a very interesting history of the descent of the family from the Carmichaels of Lanarkshire Scotland, whose history dates back to 1226 A.D. The Lairdship of Carmichael was included in a grant of Douglas in 1321 by King Robert Bruce. At a later date, William, Earl of Douglas, granted these estates to Sir John Carmichael, Sir. James Carmichael born in 1579, attached himself to James VI of Scotland and gave considerable grants of money in the royal cause. He was created an earl By Charles I. But because he was engaged in a plot to release Charles I from prison he was fined 2000 pounds although the fine was later remitted.

The eldest son of Sir James Carmichael, another James had a daughter Phoebe and it is from this daughter

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that the Forsters trace their descent. There being no male issue, the earldom became extinct, and the estates of Hyndford were claimed by a cousin of Phoebe, and are still in possession of this lady's descendants.

Phoebe Carmichael was married to Aaron Forster, Covington in 1756 and their grandson was James Forster, the pioneer of Peel. He was born in 1790, at Ayton a quiet Northumbrian village, was brought up there, received a good elementary education, and was apprenticed in the custom of ~~the~~ his day. But at 14 he ran away to Brampton, Cumberland and there apprenticed himself to a small manufacturer of shoes and clogs.

He had the experience so common in the England of his day of being torn between the writings of infidels like Tom Paine and the preachings of the "Ranters" or chapel folk. Through the greater influence of the latter he was converted and the change he underwent changed all his life and produced the remarkable results in his connections with Peel County and in the bringing up of his family.

Before leaving England he was very active in Christian work forming an Evangelistic band going about as a local preacher and even forming a band to attract men away from the public houses. This type of work

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was taken up on his arrival in Canada, where he later helped erect the Methodist, now United Church at Britannia, and in Norval, where he was instrumental in getting the Methodist Church of that village erected.

*Pioneer file*

Miss Cassie Forster outlined the trek of James son of James, the pioneer, from Britannia in 1865, to Garafraza, with his household goods and his family of 13 children. She told incidents of harvesting with sickles and threshing with flails that are family traditions of the life at Britannia a crop of 500 bushels at a dollar a bushel paying for the farm there.

The story of Thos. Forster was told by his J.W.L. who said his father shrank from no service for the advancement of his community, the village of Norval or the greater community of the province. He had an incident thoroughly enjoyed by the whole clan, of Thomas Forster taking the Churchville <sup>band</sup> in which he played the clarionet to Brampton at 11 p.m. and rousing the inhabitants by playing the two tunes the band knew.

Dr. James Moffitt Forster, J.W.L. Forster, and John Hockley representing four branches of the family were dispatched with the wreath for the pioneer's grave and arrangement had been made that at the moment of placing the wreath the assembly should observe two minutes silence broken by the singing of "Blest be the tie that Binds."

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That the graves of Jas. Forster and Elizabeth  
his wife may be kept in perpetual beauty and seemliness  
a committee consisting of Harvey Forster, Port Credit;  
Dr. F.J.R. Forster, Stratford, and Dr. J.M. Forster,  
Oakville was appointed to confer with the managers of  
the Presbyterian Church, Streetsville and the matter  
opened up with the perpetual care of the entire  
cemetery as an ultimate objective.

FORSTER FAMILY INCLUDES

NOTED DOCTORS AND ARTISTS.

Toronto Twp. Pioneer's Many Descendants Plan

Mammoth Centenary Celebration at Britannia

-Settled in 1828.

A very bright lustre was shed on the early history of Southern Peel, by the coming to the second line west in 1828 of James Forster and his family, and that lustre to-day is brighter, with the added brilliance that comes from distinguished descendants of the family, preparing this week to celebrate the centennial of the Forster family in Canada.

James Forster, the originator of the Canadian branch of the family, was born in Brampton, Cumberland, England, and was a direct descendant of the Earldom of Hindford, Scotland. Growing to man's estate, he became even in those far-back days in his native town a manufacturer, and was 38 years of age, with a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, when he decided to try his fortunes in the New World.

Following the track across the ocean, and into the wilderness of Upper Canada, already marked by the feet of compatriots from his own village, James Forster chose the Britannia district in Toronto Township, in which to make a new home for himself and his young family. On the northwest corner of Britannia sideroad and the second line west he purchased from the Canada Land Company 100 acres of land, choosing this site because it was very near the Credit River, a very beautiful spot, in the midst of dense woods, lofty virgin trees, with pretty sunlit glades running back from the river. An ardent disciple of Isaac Walton, James Forster lived near to some reach of the Credit River to the end of his days, and lies at rest on one of its sunlit banks, not two miles from his pioneer home.

## REAL PIONEERS.

With his young family, the eldest of whom, William, was 9 years of age, the others being James, John, Thomas, Elizabeth, named after her mother, and Margaret, he undertook the work being done by hundreds of Britishers all over the country, and soon had a comfortable log house in which to live. Later, his last child Moffitt, named after his mother, was born in this house.

The years were passing and James Forster could not forget that he had been a manufacturer and not a farmer in his native England. The village of Church-ville, less than five miles away, with wonderful opportunities for waterpower along the level banks of the Credit drew him, and in 1847 he and his son, John, engaged in the erection of a grist mill, right in the village. This was a marvellously busy spot 31 years ago, with a saw mill, two tanneries, three general stores, two taverns, two harness shops, one ladie's school, a common school, a M. E. chapel and mission house in which two ministers lived, a post-office with mail coming in twice a week, and a daily stage-coach to Toronto.

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The busy and thrilling of this pioneer family, just beginning to lay hands upon life, lives in the annals of the Forster family, written on golden pages.

The Mackenzie Rebellion was dropping behind in the tale of the new settlement. The part played by William and James Forster, who were in "Montgomery's squad," and went to the front to fight in behalf of the young Queen Victoria, was frequently retold around the glowing hearth. John had trained as a soldier, but had remained behind as one of the "home" defence.

## OPPOSED REBELLION.

The Forsters had ever been staunch liberals, were in sympathy with the general ideas of William Lyon Mackenzie, but were very much opposed to his idea of rebellion. Hence their attitude when at last the rebellion broke out.

Mackenzie and Lount were both visitors to the district, addressing frequent meetings in the streets -ville-Churchville neighborhood, but were finally chased out of the west side of Peel by the Royalists.

Time was passing, and William Forster, the eldest son, went to Port Credit to engage in the grain business, where he amassed large sums of money. James had undertaken to farm on the northeast corner of the second line and the Britannia sideroad. John was across the road from him, farming the land on both east and west sides of the second line. Thomas went to Norval, whither his father later followed him, on the destruction of the frame house which replaced the log house on the original farm.

The venture of the grist-mill at Churchville proved to be a profitable one until James Forster sold out. By a flaw in a title, he was not able to collect the sale price, and went to Norval a comparatively a poor man.

Moffitt attended Dr. Rolph's School of Medicine in Toronto and, on graduation, practised variously in Acton, Tynden, Thorndale and Palmerston. After achieving success and a well-earned rest, he retired to Toronto, and died at the advanced age of 94 years.

#### FRIEND OF SIR JOHN.

William moved to Brampton went into the grain business there, erected a block of business houses which still bears his name, and formed a remarkable friendship with Sir John A. Macdonald. One outcome of this friendship was that he was made census commissioner for the middle section of Ontario, and became a well-known figure in the Provincial House. Another of his closest friends was Sir Oliver Mowat. William was one of the earlier magistrates of Peel, was an outstanding figure in Grace Methodist, now United Church, and led the social life of Brampton as host at "The Castle" as the beautiful home in which he lived is still called.

When James Forster and his son, Thomas, went to Norval the former instituted services in connection with the Methodist denomination, holding these services in his home and not only preaching to the people but singing to them as well. His congregation increased until it was large enough to meet in the schoolhouse.

## SON FAMOUS PAINTER.

Thomas Forster had two sons, James who went to the West, and J.W.L., who is now Canada's outstanding portrait painter. The latter was christened in 1851 by one of the first Methodist ministers to visit Norval, Rev. Mr. Willoughby.

James Gooderham had just come to the village to start a store and mills, and he James Forster became a strong team in evangelistic work. When Mr. Gooderham undertook to build a church, James Forster gave much gratuitous labor.

J. W. L. Forster says of his father: "The founders having moved away, my father became class-leader, local preacher, circuit steward, Sunday school superintendent, leader in most of the church's activities, and even supplied wood for the fires."

The evening of life was setting in for the workworn pioneer, and he chose once more a place by the River Credit, at Glenwilliams, and in a little brick cottage, overhanging the murmuring stream, once more enjoyed fishing, and the rest to which he was entitled. In 1872 he passed away, and was brought to lie in Streetsville Presbyterian Cemetery beside the beloved wife who had left him in 1847.

James had gone from Britannia district, lured by the call of lands in newer sections of Canada, he moved to the West, and one of his sons, J. A. Forster, is a prominent citizen of Fergus to-day.

John was carrying on on the Britannia farmstead, acting as trustee of Meadowvale school, attended now by his own children, and helping to build a new school in that village. Some of his older children were associated with the Meadowvale Band, an early institution of that village, and all were ~~were~~ assisting in the services at Britannia Methodist Church erected about 1848.

The two daughters of the family, John's sisters, had married, Elizabeth becoming the wife of John Wilkinson, Margaret of Thomas Hockley. Both died in early womanhood. John remained at Britannia until 1886, when he ~~sold~~ his farm and moved to Oakville, passing away in 1897.

## UNIT OF THIRD GENERATION.

The third generation was by this time beginning to forge to the front. In the affairs of the district and of the Province. J. W. J. Forster, son of Thomas, who at the age of 16 sketched his mother and won prizes at the Milton Fair with the pictures was working his way upward on the ladder of Canadian fame as a painter. His pupils won prizes at the Chicago Exposition in 1890. He was deputed to paint historical pictures of the British Royal Family, and his work becoming better and better known with the passing years, he is at the age of 77 years, enjoying a remarkable and unique position among Canadian artists.

His well known portrait of his mother, painted in later years, and entitled, "At Evening," is the work that binds him so closely to the hearts of Canadians. To-day, in his beautiful Toronto home, his mother looks from the place of honor upon that great Queen Mother, Victoria, engaged with other crowned heads of Europe in a thanksgiving service at St. George's Chapel. Across the room, Bishop Stringer, that great pioneer in the Yukon, who planted the banner of the Church of England in the snows of northern Canada, smiles up at her, and her benign gaze seems to rest on the greatest masterpiece her son ever executed—"Hosana," representing the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and signifying the eventual road all mankind will take following in the footsteps of the King of Kings.

## OUTSTANDING DOCTOR.

Dr. James Moffitt Forster, son of John, has attained the zenith of fame through another entirely different channel. Graduating from the Toronto School of Medicine in 1886, and after practising in Oakville for a short time, he was appointed by the Mowat Government, on November 7, 1887, to medical hospital service, first a physician and assistant superintendent, then superintendent at Brockville and later at Queen Street west, Toronto. He went to Whitby, which was in every respect his

hospital, the expression of everything that he had learned and of the fruits of experience. The work which he did in planning and in organizing the hospital at Whitby, after a special visit to Europe, was the crowning event in his long career of service to Canada, a service that will be carried on for generations yet to come.

#### EDITOR AT 17.

Another of John's sons has given outstanding service to the community in which he settled. Arthur T. Forster became editor of the Oakville Star in 1889, when only 17 years of age. Every service that an editor can render the place of his adoption, he has rendered Oakville, but to that he has added a municipal service of 20 years. He was councillor, then for 8 years was Reeve of the town, sat in the Mayor's chair for three years, was Warden of Halton County in 1918, and is at present chairman of the Board of Education. He is a past master of the Masonic Lodge and was for 12 years president of the Oakville Fair Board. His most recent effort in behalf of the town was the launching of the Rotary Club. He was vice-president on its inception, was elected president and still holds that office.

Dr. Fred J. R. Forster, of Stratford, son of Dr. Moffitt Forster is one of the best-known physicians of that city, is president of the local Rotary Club, is prominent in political affairs, having gone to the polls in behalf of the Liberal party.

Another Fred Forster, a descendant of Thomas Forster is prominent in the Province of Alberta, having had much to do with making the "Province" dry and is at present handling the Government end of the control of the sale.

#### ART HEREDITARY.

In still another generation, the artistic tendencies are to be found, Mrs. Carrie Armington, great granddaughter of James Forster, having recently won distinction in the Old World, her pictures

having been purchased by the French Government and hung in the great French Salon. She is a descendant of Elizabeth Forster, who married John Wilkinson, and was herself at one time an art pupil of her second cousin, J. W. L. Forster.

The story of the family will be told at the reunion to be held in the original home of the family on the Britannia sideroad on August 25th., when many details will be linked up with those given here. But all them will point to the high ideals of attainment and service set before each by their head, James Forster, who set the pace for service in the new country to which he came, a race that has been followed in a remarkable degree by each succeeding generation.

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Thomas Forster & descendants  
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"Christian Guardian". Vol. LIX, No.8, 22 Feb. 1888.

THOMAS FORSTER

Was born in Brampton, Cumberland, England, 1825. three years before the family came to Canada. Converted in early boyhood at his home, near Streetsville he used to tell of the Bethel he had found in the old mills at Churchville (owned by his father) where during night duty he was alone with God

After he married, 1847, he spent the active years of his life at Norval, county Halton, until 1876.

He retired to Brampton in 1876, where in the work of the lay ministry he became more active than ever.

The regular ministers on the different circuits where he was called to preach seem happy to acknowledge that congregations did not slacken, but rather increased, when his name was announced, and this was not because of fluent speech, for such he had not; but because of the "more excellent spirit that was in him." Of this testimony they deem him eminently worthy. He loved the work and reverenced it, and the calling was in its turn honored of him in the dignity he gave to it. He adorned the profession of Christ in a Christ-illumined experience and by the grandeur of a Christ-like spirit. A year of intensest suffering wrenched his strong frame asunder; and while racked with agony he endured, praying aloud for patience that he might not dishonor God. In the great depression caused by the nature of the disease, while constantly lamenting his own unworthiness and nothingness, he held Christ firmly, ~~in~~ lighting. Died, on the 14th of December, 1887.

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THE BANK LAST OF PIONEER FAMILY

JANUARY 26, 1915.

Mrs. Forster's Father Was One of First Settlers in Peel County.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Monger Forster took place at Belwood yesterday. Mrs. Forster died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cook, Lawton Avenue, Deer Park, on Tuesday night. She had reached the advanced age of eighty-five and was the last of one of the pioneer families of Peel County. Her father was the late

Squire Benjamin Monger, of Brampton. In early life he was a sea captain, and having been drafted into the navy was on Lord Nelson's flagship when the famous admiral was shot. Leaving the sea, he settled in New Brunswick, but came to Peel County in 1808 with a party, including the Proudfoots, Jarvis' and Merrigolds. When the settlement had grown older Mr. Monger was made a magistrate, in which position he served for a number of years. Mrs. Forster's mother was a Miss Merrigold, who was a cousin of the great John Wesley. In 1843 Miss Monger married Mr. James Forster, a member of another pioneer family. The greater part of their married life was spent near Belwood, Mrs. Forster, who retained all her faculties to the very last, could give some very interesting reminiscences of early life in Ontario and told of visits to Toronto when it was only Muddy York.

THE BANNER AND TIMES

December 2nd, 1915.

FORSTER: Mrs. T. Forster, widow of the late Thomas Forster,

Forster, died at the home of her son, Mr. John W. L.

Forster, 147 Farnham ave., Toronto, on Monday, (Nov.

29th). The deceased lady was 93 years of age. She

was a descendant of John Wycliffe. Born in the "Old

Home district." Toronto Township in 1822, the daughter

of John Wilkinson, Mrs. Forster, after her marriage

in 1846, settled in the county of Halton, at Norval.

Upon retirement from the home farm in 1872 the couple

resided in Brampton until 1887, when Mrs. Forster

came to Toronto, following the death of her husband.

Since going to Toronto she had lived with her son,

J. W. L. Forster, the well-known artist. She formerly

attended Broadview avenue Methodist church, but was

of late years a member of Carlton Street church. The

last member of a family of six, she is survived by

two sons, James W., of Winnipeg, and J. W. L. Mrs.

*Martha Forster*

CARLTON STREET CHURCH

MRS. MARTHA FORSTER

Mrs. Martha Forster, widow of the late Thomas Forster, was born in the Township of Toronto, County of York, and at an early age moved with her parents to the vicinity of Brampton where she was married and became a member of the Methodist Church.

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MRS. T. FORSTER -- Toronto Twp.

A lady who thought nothing of a twenty eight mile tramp in the early days and who endured many of the hardships which the pioneers had to contend with, passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs. T. Forster, widow of the late Thomas Forster. Mrs. Forster's death took place at the home of her son, Mr. John W. L. Forster, 147 Farnham Ave. The deceased lady was 93 years of age. She was of exceptionally keen mind, taking interest not only in art and music, but in all the up-to-date literature of the day. She became blind from cataract about five years ago, but up to that time was an omnivorous reader. She was a descendant of John Wycliffe. Born in the "Old Home District", Toronto Township, in 1822, the daughter of John Wilkinson, Mrs. Forster, after marriage in 1846 settled in the county of Halton at Norval. Upon retirement from the home farm in 1872 the couple resided in Brampton until 1887, when Mrs. Forster came to Toronto following the death of her husband. Since coming to this city she had lived with her son, J. W. L. Forster, the well-known artist. The last member of a family of six, she is survived by two sons, James W. of Winnipeg, and J. W. L. Mrs. Forster's early life was spent amongst surroundings incident to pioneer settlement of this country. Her father, frequently, if not regularly, had occasion to walk many miles along woodland trails carrying

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MRS. T. FORSTER (con't).

wheat to the Humber mills, then situated near the present residence of S. Morley Wicket, and return home with a bag of flour on his back. She, herself, as a little girl, anticipated with pleasure, the tramp of twenty-eight miles to the town of York.

Needless to say, she attributed to these experiences her endurance and long life.

CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN 9 June 1847

Married - On 1st of June by Rev. G. Poole, Mr. Thomas Forster  
of Twp. of Toronto, to Miss Martha Wilkinson of Chinguacousy.

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He has been prominently identified with the Epworth League, the Boys' Brigade, in fact, nearly every organization in the city intended to promote the interests of religion and the welfare of his fellow-man.

From J. E. Middleton (a 'G. m. s') V. H. II

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THE ART GALLERY.

Founders: Lady Eaton, Sir Joseph Flavelle, Bart.,

J. W. L. Forster, Sir William Mackenzie, H. C. Cox,

Chester D. Massey, Sir Edmund Osler, Sir Henry

Pellatt, Sir Edmund Walker, Mrs. H. D. Warren,

E. R. Wood.

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Mr. Forster has been closely connected with the Methodist Church and its work all his life. Was President of the Young People's Association of the Metropolitan Church for two years. Was identified with the evangelistic work while in France both amongst the French and the English citizens, and acted as Lay Preacher. Was also identified with the Y. M. C. A. work in France, being a member of the Committee of Direction. Mr. Forster is also connected with the Y. M. C. A. work in the City of Toronto; is a Local Preacher of much prominence, and is at present a member of Carlton Street Church, a Class Leader and Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

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Forster

Mrs. R. H. McClellan and family of Huttonville attended the Forster reunion at the home of the portrait artist, J. W. L. Forster, celebrating his birthday. Mr. Forster painted an imaginary picture of the tour he took through the Emerald Isle last summer with Mrs. Forster. A luncheon was served, after which Dr. A. Moore, ex-moderator of the United Church, in a few remarks extended to Mr. and Mrs. Forster on behalf of the clan a happy birthday and a happy New Year.

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McClellan file  
also for Forster

In a letter, dated Dec. 8th, 1932, from C.H. Brown,  
Box 189 Brampton, it states:

Brampton Council No.52,  
Royal Templars of Temperance,  
Charter dated Dec. 8th, 1882.

(Members)

D.J. McKinnon,

John Franks,

James W. Forester,

Rev. Thomas Griffith,

Mrs. Mary Wilkinson,

etc. etc.

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## Ernest Forster Dies in Winnipeg

Former Resident of This Town  
Passed Away on  
Tuesday

Word has been received of the death of Ernest Forster, a former resident of this town, at Winnipeg, on Tuesday. Mr. Forster was appointed to the Department of Health at Ottawa while living in Brampton and was later transferred to the Government laboratories at Winnipeg. While here the family resided on Guest Street in the home now occupied by H. T. Sterne. Previously Mr. Forster, Sr., had farmed at Springbrook. Three brothers, Edward, Bert and Percy, and brothers, Edward, Bert and Percy survive. Mr. Forster, who was about sixty years of age, was a son of J.W. Forster.

*Forster*

*son James  
Wilkinson  
grandson of  
Mrs.*

Mail Empire Nov. 14/35

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**E. L. C. Forster Dies,  
Native of Brampton**

Winnipeg, Nov. 13.—(CP)—Word of the death of E. L. C. Forster, resident of Winnipeg since 1915, at Rochester, Minn., was received here to-day. He was 59 years old. Mr. Forster was district chief of the food and drug laboratories of the federal department of health. Prior to coming to Winnipeg he resided eight years in Ottawa. He was born at Brampton. Edgar Forster of Lethbridge, Alta.; Herbert of Medicine Hat, and Percy of Denver, Colo., are brothers. J. W. L. Forster, Toronto artist, is an uncle.

Son of James Wilkinson Forster  
Chas. W. Con 4 316.

Unmarried

Educated Brampton High School;  
University of Toronto (M.A.) & a German  
degree.

Young man when he left Brampton

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**MRS. FORSTER**

The death occurred at her home here at an early hour Wednesday of Annie Thompson, wife of E. C. Forster, in her 62nd year. Mrs. Forster was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson of Snelgrove where she resided until coming to Bolton. She was a member of the United Church and until declining health prevented took an active interest in the Woman's Association and Women's Missionary Society. Surviving are her mother; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Moore, Bolton; Mrs. Norman Anderson, Brampton, and Mrs. O. J. Hardwick, Bolton; also two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Hutchinson and Mrs. Richard Snell, Snelgrove. The funeral will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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Peel Gazette Sept. 27/34

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## OBITUARY

**FORSTER:** The death occurred at her home in Bolton at an early hour Wednesday, Sept. 19th, of Annie Thompson, wife of E. C. Forster, in her 62nd year. Mrs. Forster was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, of Snelgrove, where she resided until coming to Bolton. She was a member of the United Church and until declining health prevented took an active interest in the Women's Association and Women's Missionary Society. Surviving are her mother; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Moore, Bolton; Mrs. Norman Anderson, Brampton, and Mrs. O. J. Hardwick, Bolton; also two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Hutchinson and Mrs. Richard Snell, Snelgrove. The funeral took place Friday afternoon to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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### Mrs. E. C. Forster

The funeral took place to Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton, last Friday afternoon of Annie Thompson, wife of E. C. Forster, who passed away in her sixty-second year on the previous Wednesday at her home in Bolton. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, of Snelgrove, where she resided until coming to Bolton. She was a member of the United Church and until declining health prevented, took an active interest in the Woman's Association and Women's Missionary Society. Surviving are her mother; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Moore, Bolton; Mrs. Norman Anderson, Brampton, and Mrs. O. J. Hardwick, Bolton; also two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Hutchinson and Mrs. Richard Snell, Snelgrove.

The ConservatorKawartha, Ontario, April 28, 1938**PORTRAITIST DIES  
WAS PEEL NATIVE****Accident Injuries Fatal to  
Canadian Who Painted  
Japanese Royalty****NORVAL BIRTHPLACE****Gave Up Teaching Course to  
Fellow Growing Love  
For Art**

John W. L. Forster, 87, Canadian artist, died in the Toronto General hospital early on Monday. Death came after he had been unconscious in the hospital since last Thursday night, when he was in collision with an automobile near his home on Wellesley street.

Mr. Forster had travelled to Japan, India and other countries in pursuit of his profession. Unique among his commissions was the painting of the portraits of the emperor and empress of Japan during the world Sunday school convention in Tokio, 1930. The artist had to perform his task with only one glimpse of his subjects. The remainder of the work was done from photographs and he had to give his promise no other eyes should see them.

When Woodrow Wilson sought a portrait painter to put on canvas the features of his late wife, he selected Mr. Forster.

The artist was born in Norval, Ont., in a log cabin, 85 years ago. He first essayed the teaching profession, but after a course in a local school, abandoned it in favor of art. He struggled on in that pursuit, despite meagre encouragement.

By 1880, when he was 30, he had work on exhibition in the Paris Salon, and in competition with the highest French talent was adjudged one of the best student painters in the atelier.

Among his sitters are included three governors-general of Canada, five prime ministers and numerous leading United States citizens.

## CHURCHVILLE CEM.

FORSTER, John 1819 - 1896, interred at Oakville

Maria, (Monger) 1820 - 1861

Thomas, Edward, 1844 - 1868

Wm. George, 1845 - 1873

Mary Frances } Infants  
Annie Maria }

Robert Stewart, s. of John and Eliza Forster

Thomas, Infant son of Thos. E. and Margaret Forster

FORSTER, Thomas, Edward - d. 19 Mar. 1868, aged 24 yrs. 1 mo.

Thomas, son of above, aged 3 mos.

Maria, wife of John Forster, d. 30 Oct. 1861,  
aged 41 yrs. 5 mos. 21 dys.

Anna Maria, aged 3 mos. 11 dys.

Mary Frances d. 13 Sept. 1854, aged 1 yr. 11 dys.

FORSTER, George W. d. 12 April 1845, aged 8 mos. 6 dys.

Jane, d. 23 July 1846, aged 10 mos. 8 dys.

STREETSVILLE PUBLIC CEMETERY

FORSTER, Anson Green, d. 14 Nov., 1871, a. 31 yrs.

w. Margaret (Irwin), d. 22 July, 1903, a. 63 yrs

St. Peters Anglican Cem.

Forster

Ada Alberta (Snider)

w. of Newton L. Forster

1866 - 1921

FORSTER. Joseph.

b. 14 Feb., 1829, d. 23 May, 1866.

w. Charlotte Catherine (Stevens)

b. 16 Sept., 1831, d. 11 Nov., 1912,

s. George, d. 1863, a. 1 yr.

" Edward, d. 31 Oct., 1884, a. 81 yrs.

Nat. of Cumberland, England.

w. Alice d. 15 Aug., 1888, a. 86 yrs.

Nat. of Tipperary, Ireland.

Mary Cunningham, dau. of E. and A. Forster,

b. 1840 - d. 1919

" Edward, b. 8 Mar. 1844 - d. 7 Feb. 1909 - (1909)

" Ann Jane (Davis) b. 15 July 1846 - d. 13 Jan. 1931 w.

Brampton Cemetery,

Block A.

FORSTER.

William - b. at Brampton, Cumberland, England. 24 Aug. 1815.

d. 27 Apr. 1900.

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Jane (Wilkinson) b. 25 Mar. 1817 in Soulby, Westmoreland, Eng.

d. 5 Aug. 1895 in Brampton, a. 76 yrs. 4 mos. 11 dys.

James Moffit Forster - b. at Mayfield, Ching.

d. 24 July, 1842, a. 1 yr. 4 mos. 10 days.

Martha Jane Forster - b. near Brampton, Ont.

d. 29 Aug. 1844, a. 1 yr. 4 mo. 5 days.

FORSTER

Thomas - Native of Brampton, England.

d. 14 Dec. 1887, a. 62 yrs.

Margaret Wilkinson - d. 29 Nov. 1915, a. 95 yrs.

Block B.  
BRAMPTON CEMETERY

Forster, Thomas A. #775482, 1875-1929.